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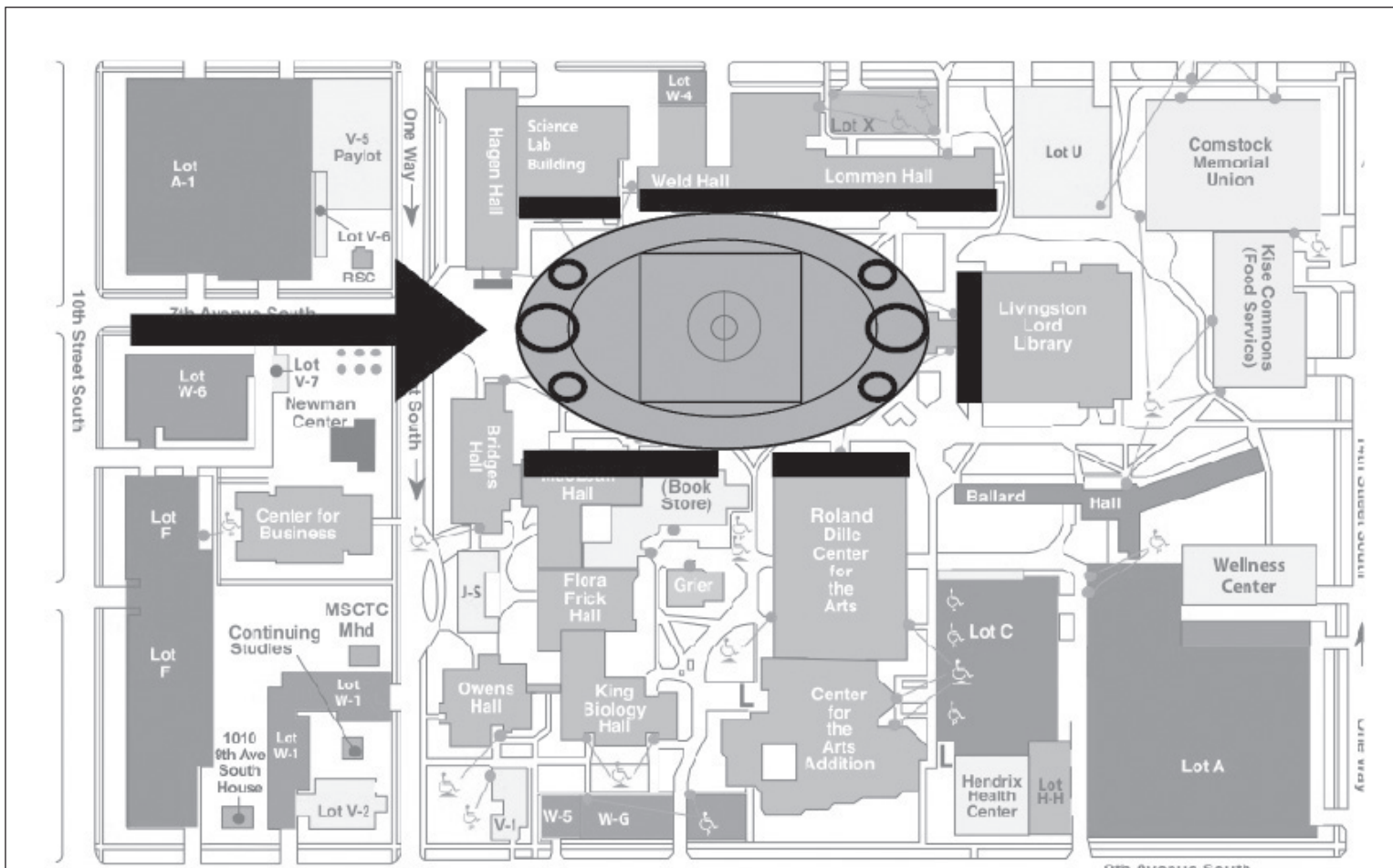
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MAGIC at MSUM

Hockey pucks off, Quidditch flies to the rescue



JESSERIKA O'SHAUGHNESSY • The Advocate
The campus mall will serve as the location of the new Quidditch stadium. The black bars on the roofs of campus buildings represent new seating.

BY JESSERIKA O'SHAUGHNESSY AND GENEVIEVE A. HOE

While the MSUM athletic department was unable to raise sufficient funds for a self-sustaining hockey team, they were overwhelmingly successful in raising funds for a Quidditch team. President Edna Szymanski released an official statement that said, "The money we gained in pursuit of Division I hockey will

be going toward a new Quidditch program, which the student population has accepted with open arms."

Harriet Claymore, a sophomore, supports the program. "I love Quidditch. It'll be great to actually be excited to go to a sports game for once, since we kind of suck at all the normal ones, like football."

The location for the Quidditch games will be held in the newly-

renovated campus mall; the trees will be cut down for the construction of the goal posts and any remaining lumber will be used for bleachers that will be built on the roofs of campus buildings overlooking the field.

Students who choose to participate in the new Quidditch program will be trained in the art of broom-riding, based on ancient scrolls from the monasteries in Salem, Mass. They will be

riding on waterproof, motorized brooms, which is thanks to a great contribution from the Board of Witches from the Church of Born Against Christians. Bludgers, the Quaffle, and the Golden Snitch will be remote-controlled by European foreign exchange students, lead by Victor Crumpet, a world-renowned Quidditch expert.

In light of the new sport, **QUIDDITCH, PAGE 8**

Music department drops dank beats with newly added dubstep program

BY WINEN DINER
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In a move to keep up with the times, the MSUM music department will now be offering a dubstep major. This announcement came as a surprise to many, but it's a move that's been in the making for over a year.

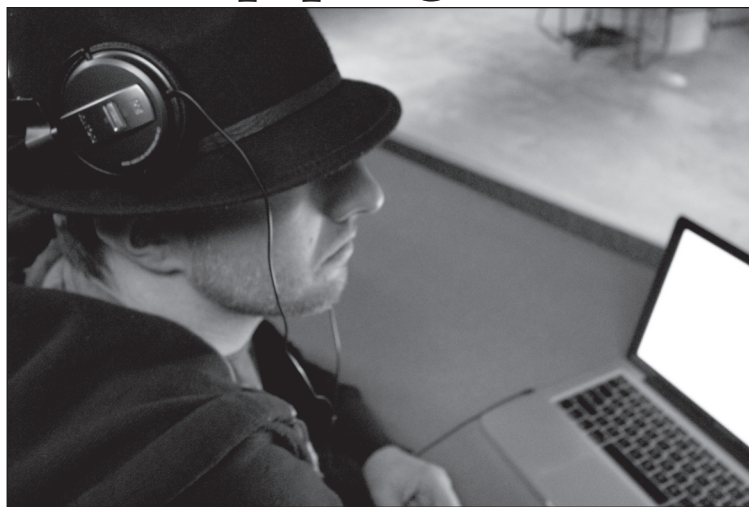
"We need to keep up with the times," said MSUM music chairperson Thomas Strait. "The fact of the matter is nobody listens to the traditional forms of music we are teaching. When's the last time you bought a classical or jazz CD? The money is in dubstep or other electronic styles of music so that's what we're now offering."

Students are relieved that they can finally learn what they want to play. Many students have complained recently of taking classes they feel they'll never apply outside of school.

"I'm so sick of taking classes I'll never use," said MSUM music major Max Madman. "I was forced to take a choral conducting class. I haven't even sung since my fourth grade solo as Tinkerbell in Peter Pan."

In an effort to try and appease everyone, dubstep majors will perform with other MSUM bands. Director of MSUM's orchestra, Jonathan Larson, is particularly excited about an upcoming

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COMRADE STRATHMOOR • The Advocate

Dubstep. If you don't know what it is, you need to get out more often.

Public Safety prepares for zombies

BY BARNABY BILLINGSBUD
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Shotgun fire and general confusion broke out Tuesday after MSUM officials released a "Zombie Apocalypse Contingency Plan" at a news conference on the football field.

Public Safety unveiled detailed plans for when zombies eventually reach Fargo-Moorhead. But, following reporters' questions, a choreographed demonstration featuring mock "walkers and crawlers" and a paintball gun-wielding fake militia got, as one witness who asked to be referred to by his Xbox Live alias noobslayer612yo put it, "out of hand."

Passersby on 20th Street South, just west of the Nemzek news conference, thought the actor-zombies were actual zombies, just like the ones that have wiped out communities from Houston to central California.

"I thought they might have slipped their way on to last night's Allegiant flight," said Mike Thiel, 60, who started a traffic jam when he jumped out of his Jeep with his hunting rifle to take out the undead intruders. "Can't be having the slaughter they had down in Vegas happening in Moorhead. I realize I am making yet another lame corollary of a joke that should be long retired, but I was hoping that what happened in Vegas – the killing and eating and all – stayed in Vegas."

As cars backed up, several other motorists quickly brought their own guns to the field. One blindly fired a shotgun, but was too far from the crowd to harm anyone. At that point, the actors, reporters and other observers dropped to the ground begging for mercy while Public Safety officers pointed their batons sternly, convincing the impromptu neighborhood watch force to hold its fire. The armed citizens scurried back to their vehicles.

"I sat in that damn traffic for 45 minutes getting from 12th to the mall," complained Ida Funk, 83, who witnessed the fracas from her Buick Regal. "Two trains and that zombie mess. The Herberger's coupon probably wasn't even worth the hassle."

No arrests were made.

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Campus calendar	
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3.29	8 a.m. - Student over-sleeps and is late for class - every mass comm class 10 a.m. - Professor giving long, pointless rant - All history classes 3 p.m. - Planetarium show, The Big Bang Theory - Br 167
3.30	2 a.m. - Student realizes he's too drunk to get up for 9 a.m. class - The Hub Noon - Student throwing up from too much lousy pizza - Kise 6 p.m. - MSUM basketball vs. Horizon Middle School - MSUM field-house
3.31	9 a.m. - Girl does "walk of shame" - Your house 7 p.m. - Lame dorm floor party - Nelson
4.1	1 p.m. - Man gets pissed at roommate over April Fools prank - Moorhead houses
4.2	1 p.m. - Kissing booth with Edna Szymanski - CMU main lounge 9 p.m. - Swingers anonymous - CMU 222
4.3	2 p.m. - Kick a child - CMU mall 7 p.m. - Muggles anonymous - CMU 123
4.4	5 p.m. - Alcohol anonymous meeting - Chumley's 10 p.m. - Are you pregnant with my kid? - CMU

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I can't believe you're reading this. Nobody actually reads this. What kind of person are you? I bet I know. Are you one of those losers who spends all night looking at memes on-line? I can't stand people like you. You drive me crazy!!!!

Well I suppose I have to give you my little spiel. We've published whenever the hell we feel like it. Don't get too reliant on us because some days we're just too tired to make it.

The opinions in The Advocate are those of the students who appear in it. Have a problem with them? Too bad. You're at a liberal arts college. Suck it up.

We're very reluctantly encourage letters to the editor. If you send something in it's almost guaranteed to get printed because nobody ever submits anything.The Advocate is also in search of writers. Meetings are held on Monday nights but nobody ever shows up so don't even bother. Instead email The Advocate at advocate@mnstate.edu with a question about every little thing and someone who has nothing better to do than answer confused writer's questions on "what's AP style?"

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World Briefs

Study finds college students immature

A recent study done by CNN and New York Times has discovered that 90 percent of college students find the word “fart” funny. Some other words that students found hilarious were “poop,” “butt” and “booger.” Students were not suprised at this recent announcement. “I think this is a no-brainer,” said MSUM student Mark Johnson. “I still giggle anytime someone farts.”

You can’t trade pot?

Jason Bacon, 41, was arrested in Eureka, Calif., in March after responding to a classified ad for a used motorcycle by offering to trade about \$8,000 worth of his home-grown marijuana for it. According to an officer on the scene, Bacon told a deputy, “I know you can’t sell it, but I thought it was OK to trade it.”

Yum ... fetuses.

Oklahoma state Sen. Ralph Shortey, a staunch abortion opponent, introduced a bill in January to ban the use of human fetuses in processed food. Although the principal anti-abortion advocacy official in the state said he had never heard of such a practice, Sen. Shortey asserted that it was a problem and that he had been reading up on it on the Internet.

Ankle deep water is too much for some firefighters

In February, a 41-year-old man from Gosport, England, apparently suffered an epileptic seizure while feeding swans in water about three feet deep. Firefighters were called, but the first one to arrive remained on shore, explaining that he had been trained only for “ankle deep” water and would have to await a colleague trained in “chest high” water. In July 2011, a man committed suicide in San Francisco Bay by wading into neck-deep water and remaining until he died of hypothermia. Firefighters from the city of Alameda watched from the shore because they lacked water-rescue training. (In neither situation was it proven that the victim would have survived if rescued sooner.)

Psychics steal over \$40 million from Floridians

When Rose Marks and her extended family of Romanian-Gypsy “psychics” were indicted last year for a 20-year-run of duping South Floridians out of as much as \$40 million, victims of the clan were elated that justice might be at hand. (A typical scam, according to prosecutors, was to take a client’s cash, “to pray over it,” promising its return, but keeping it.) However, in December, the Marks’ attorneys reported that “several” of the so-called victims had begun to work with them to help clear the family, including one who reportedly paid Rose \$150,000. According to the lawyers, these “victims” call the Markses “friends,” “life coaches” and “confidants,” rather than swindlers.

Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Leg Gremke

3.17

Man in banana costume rabble-rousing near Snarr. When security attempted to apprehend man, he peeled off toward Concordia.

3.19

English professors sued by students for grading based on their mood. Professors claimed this should not be a problem – that their moods are consistently subjective.

3.20

Student argued that Nelson’s beer can-like shape promotes drinking and that all inhabitants should be allowed to drink. Szymanski responded by giving him a six-pack.

3.21

Scorch was arrested for starting a fight with Thundar. Cops arrived at the scene but the fight supposedly dragged on long afterward.

3.22

Student was arrested after robbing Compass. Cops located the student when he posted pictures of stolen loot on Facebook.

3.23

Cops were called to Under-ground with reports of drunken individual. Student was arrested after supposedly “passing gas loudly” at the cops.

To report a problem contact Ghostbusters at 911

Anus rocket fails

Louis Helmburg III filed a lawsuit in Huntington, W.Va., in February against the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and its member Travis Hughes for injuries Helmburg suffered in May 2011 when he fell off a deck at the fraternity house. He had been startled and fell backward off the rail-less deck after Hughes attempted to fire a bottle rocket “out of his anus” — and the rocket, instead, exploded in place. (The lawsuit does not reference Hughes’ injuries.)

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Professor becomes hipster in attempt to connect with students

BY JASON ANDREW
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Professors have always struggled to find a special connection with their students. Mass communications professor Deneen Gilmour has taken this struggle to a whole new level by announcing that she is going to become a hipster in an attempt to connect with her students.

“I think this decision will really bring me closer to my students,” Gilmour said. “I’ve noticed a growing trend of mass comm. students who are quickly adapting to this hipster lifestyle so I thought, ‘If I want to teach these students I have to be able to relate to them.’ So I threw out my wardrobe, stocked up on PBR and began my quest to join these students ... Plus I look damn good in the skinny jeans.”

Many students embrace Gilmour’s decision to embrace their lifestyle. They feel that it’s about time that a professor makes the effort to understand them.

“All these professors don’t understand me,” said Brooklyn Beckman, student of Gilmour

and self-professed hipster. “All these professors are stuck in their ways. They don’t understand today’s youth. We’re trying to start something new and be ourselves and all these profs are totally just trying to shut us out. You know what I mean man?”

Gilmour who “has been teaching 20 years too long” has gone through many different phases to try and relate with her students. It all started with an unsuccessful foray into grunge and has involved many other different paths throughout the years.

“I’ve worn it all and have tried every popular genre throughout the last 20 years,” Gilmour said. “I’ve tried wearing parachute pants and talking in hip-hop lingo. I dropped butt loads of cash on hair and clothing from the metrosexual scene. The worst though was when I became a juggalette ... that only lasted a week. I couldn’t handle all the makeup.”

Just like all her other forays into student’s lifestyles, Gilmour has had problems with this one.

“I think my main problem is that I can’t find my own bands that people don’t already know about,” Gilmour said. “I’ve searched and searched but it seems like there’s always someone who has already discovered a band that I’ve just came across.”

Gilmour is excited about where this lifestyle is taking her. She’s already discovered more about her students than she ever thought she would.

“I can’t believe what people are opening up to me about,” Gilmour said. “The other day my class and I were sitting around listening to some vinyls when one of my students told me she actually enjoyed Nicki Minaj. We were all shocked.”

Gilmour has no plans of changing her ways anytime soon. She’s decided that she may have finally found something she belongs to.

“I really feel like I’m one of them (hipsters) now,” Gilmour said. “I no longer feel like a professor. I feel like I’m part of the class now.”



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Gilmour reported connecting with her class after her lifestyle change.

DUBSTEP, FROM FRONT

concert with the new dubstep band, Skillless, and the Orchestra.

“I really think that the syncopated, 2-step drum patterns and the minor, dissonant keys of dubstep will work well with some of the pieces we have planned,” Larson said. “I’m particularly excited about Johann Schobert’s classic ‘Concerto V for Harpsichord and two Violins.’ We’ll be putting our own spin on this and will be entitling it, ‘Concerto V for Dubturbo Software Programs and Two Violins.’”

While many are excited about this new major there are also those who oppose this step into the 21st century.

“I can’t believe they’re actually doing this,” said MSUM music professor Heather Campbell. “If we start this major, what’s next?

Are we going to have a metal major? Polka? Or worse yet, an R&B major? This is ridiculous. We have to stick with what’s been proven and time tested.”

Despite the arguments over the major one thing is clear, it’s going to be popular. No major since the disbanded home economics major has filled up so quickly.

“We’re very excited about the possibilities this major holds,” said dubstep professor, Mark Hungberg. “I really think people will learn something new and discover that there’s more to music than blowing in a horn or hitting sticks on something.”

Some of the bands that the classes will look at are: Benga, The Widdler, Rusko and Deadmau5. However, they will not be focusing on Skrillex because, according to Hungberg, “all Skrillex ever does is press play on their Macbook.”



Advocate: Filling up garbage bins around campus all year round

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Letter to the Editor: Props to The Advocate

Dear The Advocate MSUM’s weekly student newspThe Advocate:

Hey, so this is kinda random but your newspaper is really, really good. Like, no joke. It’s that good, not gonna lie.

Last week my friend was like, “Have you heard of The Advocate?” and I’m like, “What?” and he’s like, “It’s this thing where--” and I’m like, “No, I didn’t hear what you said,” and he’s like, “Oh, have you heard about The Advocate?” and I’m like, “Well, yeah, I know what an advocate is,” and he’s like, “No, The Advocate,” and I’m like “No,” and he’s like, “It’s this thing where people write in the school newspaper,” and I’m like, “What?” and then he told me about how you guys write in the school newspaper and it sounded pretty cool so I looked at one.

First off, I like how you have a big picture on the cover because that really draws me in. I look at that and I’m like, “I kinda wanna read that really bad now,” so then I usually read around the picture because there’s usually no words inside the picture to read. One thing though: can’t you make the pictures colored? It’s just kinda blah.

After the cover page, I like to read the next page unless I have to do something else. Ever since you added “news briefs” I’ve learned about Syria which is a good George Clooney movie if you ever want to watch a good movie you can borrow it from me if you want to.

I can relate to “security update” alot, you don’t even know. I didn’t know someone had to keep track of all the suspicious odors around campus. Greg Lemke has a good nose on him but I bet he gets overwhelmed sometimes.

The A&E page is good but I still think I like the channel more. My advice would be to make the music calendar bigger so more people can read it. Also, I like the times when Advocate lists his or her favorite stuff. My advice would be to make a list of Advocate’s favorite DJ’s that have played in The Underground.

I’m sorry but I don’t like Features. :(

Opinion use to be good but now they’re are no more comics. Why are there no more comics?

The second news page is okay but is it just me or do all the articles start off kinda weird. I showed them to my friend and he agreed so you might want to look into that if you have time.

Sports and Health are two activities I enjoy doing so I’m glad you have them on the last page. The random sports term of the week is always so random that I’m surprised Meghan gets them right all the time. She really knows her sports and health.

Speaking of sports, did you know there are more sports teams than just the Dragons? Maybe you could talk about other sports teams, besides the Dragons. May I suggest the Golden Spikes? People want more variety.

In conclusion, Minnesota State University Moorhead Advocate does a good job at what it’s job is. It is also made of paper so you can throw it away when you are done. I like the Advocate.

-Tim Thomeson

Vermin reigns Supreme in 2012 presidential campaign



BY GINGER MEGFEIRSON
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I’m sure many of you have missed having a political edge to this section, but now, I’ve gathered enough courage to stand up for my political beliefs. I can no longer hide my views. I will proudly wear a boot on my head.

For the 2012 presidential election, there is no one greater running for the candidacy, in my mind, than Vermin Supreme.

Supreme’s wisdom in realizing this nation’s real problems is more than a refreshing burst of lemon-like zestiness. He, unlike any other candidate, is all about real talk, honey.

In a press conference, Supreme held his ground when the host said, “I’m asking you right now, do you still stand by your pledge made in 2008 to provide a pony for every American?”

His response: “Yes I do sir! Free ponies for all Americans. One of the overlooked issues in America today, my free-pony platform is, of course, is a jobs creation program. It will create lots and lots of jobs once we, ah, switch over to pony-based economy. It will also lower our dependence on foreign oil. We will also be able to turn all that pony poop into methane gas, and wonderful compost and be able to re-up our soil that is being depleted by aero-chemicals etc. etc. etc. And, of course, the important thing to realize is, it is a Federal pony identification program where you will need your pony at all

times. Thank you very much.”

Apart from this impressive pony platform, Supreme also touched on another tender subject no one has dared to chew: dental health.

“Gingivitis has been eroding the gum line of this great nation long enough,” Supreme said. “It must be stopped. For too long this country has been suffering a great moral and oral decay — in spirit and incisors. A country’s future depends on its — on its ability to bite back. We can no longer be a nation indentured. Our very salvation is at stake.”

No other candidate has moved me enough to pledge my support. But honestly, this guy has a plan for change, and it will be noticeable, unlike “changes” before it.

As I ride my government-given pony toward a better future, my gums and heart will be pledging Supreme allegiance to the flag of the United Verminites of America. If you know what’s good for you and your mouth, become one of the Supremes today.



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Supreme sits next to a stuffed suit.

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Feir me: Advice to live by



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Nobody’s asking, but I’ll give you a few pointers, anyway. While I was out with a few friends the other night, I couldn’t help but be distracted from my Shirley Temple as I stared at the couple sitting at the bar. I couldn’t see the face of the woman, but her long, raven hair rested on her

black tank top and orange skin as she talked to a semi-attractive man with bulging muscles. They were enjoying themselves. A first date gone right; two peas in a bean pod; so wrong that it made it right; both trying so hard to appear attractive – hard enough that it worked. So, how can the rest of us find what they’ve found? I’m here to help. **Pick a bar, any bar** You’re sad. Clearly, you need a drink. You’re thirsty for something other than loneliness. Based on your previous exposure to the downtown area of Fargo, pick one of the bars you fancy and become a loyal patron. Go there every weekend, be it the OB or the Empire. At some point, I guarantee you will find someone who will talk to you. They may even flirt with you – that’s actually my second guarantee. If, after you’ve practiced this religiously for at least two

months every weekend, you have tried talking to people and you don’t even get a light flirt going, you may call me out and buy me a Shirley Temple. **You’re talking: That’s a good sign** After you’ve struck up a conversation with the human of your choice for a solid 60 seconds, ask them if you may “take them out.” If you’re a woman, you can also pop the question, “So, when are you going to take me out?” or “So, when are you going to buy me a drink?” Don’t say supper, dinner or lunch. Meals infer too much expected commitment. Our bodily necessity for food intake is not a good enough excuse to share an eating segment with them. If you expect them to actually buy you sustenance and not something unnecessary, like alcoholic beverages, they will assume you are needy and expect them to provide for you right off the bat.

Act cool, calm and run away If they refuse your generous offer, fight back with reasons of why they should reconsider – or act cool, put your shades down calmly and walk briskly to your nearest bathroom. After your heart has slowed down a bit after that blow of an embarrassment, walk out and find the next victim. **Success will be yours** If, at some point, you have snatched yourself “a drink,” (designated, scheduled time for buying or getting a drink with that person), pat yourself on the back, in front of them, even. This will be a compliment toward them and it will also show you have a personality, ready and waiting to capture their heart. You can even top off the joke by telling them how many others turned you down earlier that night.

My work here is done Well, there you have it. If you follow these steps, however roughly, I guarantee you will find someone willing to spend time with you. However, don’t be too picky. As with everything else in life, be open-minded. Be willing to lower your standards. Don’t be judgmental. Too old? Age is not a number. Too young? Just make sure they’re at least 18. Not attractive? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and you, the beholder, can force yourself to be open-minded. You don’t have to be alone anymore. You can find your special someone of the week at your local bar. Whether you’re sober or not when you meet them is up to you. **To read more from this writer, view her blog at i'mastrawberryblondenotaginger.blogspot.com**

Newly acquired hockey arena used by MSUM and “Disney on Ice”

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Well, MSUM folk, it’s official. We have a Division I hockey team. While this is an exciting achievement in and of itself, I’ve decided we can do more. I mean, come on. If we’re going to have a \$13 trillion arena with a sheet of ice, maybe we could find some new ways to utilize the facility. For instance, what if we started a new major? I’m thinking “On Ice Performance.” We could become the new training grounds for all “Disney on Ice” productions. MSUM would churn out a new crop of up-and-coming Goofies, Donalds and Mickies on a regular basis. We would make Walt Disney the proudest man in his cryogenics ward. Plus, if “Death to Smoochy” taught me anything, it’s that all of your profit comes from anything that ends with “on ice.” Along with the obvious benefits to the school, think of the impact it could have on the economy. Remember that nickel you gave to that poor woman on the street

this morning? That was an out-of-work figure skater. By implementing this new major, we’re providing a whole new lease on life for these poor, downtrodden, washed-up, Olympics-watching athletes. They would transform into helpful, experienced educators, inspiring future generations of performers and children alike. If that’s not heartwarming, I’m not sure what is. To go hand-in-hand with this new educational opportunity, MSUM could become the leader (and founding school) of the Division I synchronized ice skating league. We always talk about being a leading institution when it comes to the arts, so why not take that creativity to the ice? While hockey may be more exciting, entertaining, easier to watch, etc., I’m sure the participants’ parents would come to at least one performance. And since we would only be competing against ourselves, we would be national champions within our first year of participation. Take that, NDSU. To generate funding for the league, we could develop a “Wool Cap” program that would be the winter version of our summer “Straw Hat” theater troupe. While

there may be a slight learning curve and an increase in concussions, eventually it has to level off, right? In the end we’d make enough to pay for the severed fingers, head injuries and other insurance claims. Before you condemn these ideas, dear reader, I just ask you to consider them for a moment. We would be successful in some sort of athletic contest. We might actually make some money for the school. There would inevitably be some blood on the ice at some point, just like hockey. Doesn’t sound so bad now, does it?

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MTV Cribs features Nelson's spacious rooms, elaborate kitchens

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Nelson, the top choice in residence halls for incoming freshmen, will soon join the ranks of celebrity mansions when featured on MTV Cribs in April.

Nelson, the tallest building in Moorhead, is famous for its nickname "the beer can," which it acquired due to its cylindrical shape.

Residents love Nelson for its spacious pie-shaped rooms and speedy, reliable elevators.

"There's so much space," said Kaitlin Barns, a junior resident assistant majoring in social work. "My three pairs of shoes fit perfectly in the closet."

Barns, along with five other resident assistants, will express their favorite elements of Nelson for the world to see.

"I'm so excited to show-off Nelson and all it has to offer," Barns said.

The resident assistants will highlight the popular 12th floor lounge, which has a gorgeous view of Moorhead and is a common place for wild parties.

"The lounge is the best," said Rebecca McLary, a freshman resident majoring in elementary education. "We throw parties all

the time and have movie nights for the entire building."

Barns also loves the lounge but spends most of her time cooking on the ninth floor.

The elaborate kitchens on each floor, which will also be highlighted on the show, have everything a college student needs to prepare a meal — a stovetop oven and a sink.

"I use the kitchen all the time," Barns said. "The stove works great, and I've only set off the fire alarm twice this year."

Barns bakes a variety of goodies for her residents each week.

"Cookies, cakes, brownies," Barns said, "I do it all."

Besides giving tours of Nelson, resident assistants will also show off their hot rides, which include a purple '93 Ford Ranger, a ten-speed Trek bicycle and a '03 Chrysler mini-van.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a car," Barns said. "But, I can't wait to kick the crew out and ride away on my bike."



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Nelson Hall, a landmark of the Fargo-Moorhead area, known affectionately by the community as the "beer can."

Animal testing approved

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Beginning April 2, MSUM will admit a furry, feathery and perhaps fishy addition to its biochemistry program.

Students and faculty members will have the opportunity to donate their gently-used animals to the biochemistry department so students can experience how various chemicals and chemical combinations affect different types of animals.

"This is a great learning opportunity for us," said senior Marcus Carbon, a chemistry major. "I can't wait to start testing. I don't know why it took so long for administration to approve this anyway."

After lengthy confrontations with organizations like People Eating Tasty Animals (PETA), members finally put mind over matter after coming to understand that potential knowledge is more important than their appetites.

"Though our stomachs rumbled, our minds began to wonder what kinds of amazing things could be learned by conducting tests on all these animals," said long-time member of PETA, Engrid Kwrken. "Besides, it's ridiculous to think that these tests would be performed on humans — they're incredibly dangerous!"

When asked about his thoughts on the matter, eight-year-old housecat Bonkers McFreeze just stared on in boredom. It's safe to say, this cool cat couldn't care less.

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ZOMBIES, FROM FRONT

“Given the times, the Moorhead police department understands the need for constant vigilance against the zombie menace and therefore will not investigate the matter further,” said Lt. Toby Jacobson in a statement released Wednesday. “It was an honest misunderstanding and we’re glad nobody was hurt.”

The incident overshadowed the release of the long-awaited zombie proposal, which worked its way through five committees before getting final approval this month. MSUM was the last MnSCU school to issue such a plan, but the first of the three four-year Fargo-Moorhead institutions.

“This is a monumental day. MSUM now has a comprehensive approach to safely maintain campus operations even under imminent attack from the undead,” Public Safety director Greg Lemke said at the news conference, to polite applause, before making reverent reference to Minnesota 9/11 heroism: “Let’s roll.” This drew cheers.

The plan – parts of which are redacted – calls for armories at blue lights throughout campus that would emerge from the ground or wall when activated. A campus-wide text message with the gun vault passcode would be sent to students who pass a marksmanship test.

While zombies already on campus are being killed, the plan states, all available (armed) staff would construct HESCO barriers around the university perimeter to stop future zombie waves.

Finally, MSUM is finishing a new Sodexo contract modeled after the Berlin Airlift, to provide food to a campus under siege via a helipad on the top of Hagen.



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Top: During a Campus Security news conference Tuesday, actors dressed as zombies demonstrated MSUM’s emergency response plan for the expected attack from the undead. Confusion ensued as passing motorists mistook the rehearsal exercise for the real deal.

Bottom: Residents of Ballard show off a macabre sense of humor in an increasingly rare homage to science “guy” Bill Nye. Posters such as these have been popping up around campuses nationwide as zombies wipe out cities throughout the Southwest – though these students might win an award for punniest.

It’s awaiting union ratification.

“We should be able to survive until the National Guard saves us,” President Edna Szymanski said. “I promise you the fees money spent on zombie protection will save lives.”

But MSUM biology professor Ellen Brisch isn’t so sure humanity will survive this latest threat.

“Maybe this is what will do us in. Each species runs its course,” she said. “Zombies are like Asian carp and zebra mussels. No matter how hard we try, it’s not a matter of if they take over. It’s how much time we have until they do take over.”



Business owner loses bitter battle over Dragon custody



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This Dragon bust has graced campus since frat boys stole in it the mid-70s.

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A longtime Fargo-Moorhead business owner, who sued MSUM for his Dragon statue that was stolen from his restaurant more than thirty years ago, lost his fight Monday.

“That statue has been in my family since my grandfather bought it in San Francisco Chinatown and had sent by train to Fargo in the 30s,” Lang Wang said “I have the papers. I have the proof.”

At a hearing at Clay County District Court, the university proposed joint custody – the statue would split time between the

campus mall where it sits next to the library – but Wang asked for full custody to bring the metal likeness back to his restaurant (which serves incredible crab-rangoon wontons and assorted highly esteemed duck dishes).

“Those frat boys thought they could get away with it, stealing it all those years ago,” he said before the hearing. “I will prevail.”

But Dragon spirit would be “irreparably harmed” by its full-time removal, argued a team of MSUM lawyers, because generations of students have grown to love the metal creature.

Judge Michael Kirk, renowned for his wisdom, issued an

immediate ruling calling for the statue to be sliced into two equal sections. MSUM and the restaurant would each have received half of it full time.

Then, MSUM general counsel Fatticus Inch told the judge he would rather give the Dragon to Wang than see it destroyed.

Impressed by this selflessness, Kirk granted full custody to MSUM on the spot.

Wang huffed and puffed as he stormed out of the court without commenting to the assembled media.

Always keeping up with the times, Wang recently changed the name of his take-out only joint in south Moorhead from Wang’s Wok to The Restaurant with the Dragon Statue to tap into the worldwide popularity of the Stieg Larsson trilogy still playing at the nearby Safari Theater – “If you can get past the rape scene, it’s a darn good flick. I can’t believe the Oscar voters snubbed it entirely,” Wang said with a sigh. With the new name, he decided he wanted the one-ton statue to be returned to the remodeled eatery for its grand reopening next month.

Instead of appealing the decision, Wang said he plans to order a brand new Dragon bust twice the size of the original.

“And it will be painted green and gold for my alma mater, NDSU,” he said. “That’ll show them.”

Advocate spoofs!

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This week the MSUM campus newspaper, The Advocate, is running its annual spoof edition to attract more readers.

“The spoof edition is really great,” A&E editor Andrew Jason said with a wink. However, since he designs the most-read section of the paper, Security Updates, Jason said he isn’t worried about readership.

Assistant editor Bryce Haugen is worried, and he said The Advocate spoof should succeed at drawing more readers.

“Not even the president reads this rag,” he said.

Haugen only joined The Advocate this semester, but almost immediately he could see the dismal state of the publication. He’s tried to boost readership by writing hard-hitting news stories, but that doesn’t seem to be what the people want.

Pressed for comment, editor Charly Haley sadly said, “The Advocate is just a really, really nice paper. I just don’t understand why people don’t read it.” Haley declined further comment.

Opinion editor Meghan Feir suggested the spoof edition to attracting readers to The Advocate. Because she writes its famed advice column the entire staff naturally had to listen to this suggestion.

Sports editor Danny Determan opined: “I think the spoof will be a good – Flem, you’re dead to me!”

Photo editor Jessica Fleming forgot to bring cookies to layout.



JESSERIKA O'SHAUGHNESSY • The Advocat

Stacks of unread and unloved Advocates pile up around the office, a sad reminder to this staff that no one likes us and our jobs are worthless.



Some members from another Quidditch team come to check out the location for the new arena, where games are expected to start in August.

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QUIDDITCH, FROM FRONT

Nemzek Noize is going full-out with a new flaming-hot squad of cheerleaders — literally, since they have replaced the T-shirt guns with flame-throwers. The old Scorch mascot will be replaced with a 30-foot Hungarian Horntail named Norbert. The dragon will be housed in the abandoned MSUM annex building, now named the Restricted Section, which the school warns

students not to visit unless they want to be incinerated. Students are not the only people excited for Quidditch; the faculty is also looking forward to the new sport. “One advantage of this sport is that it can’t be flooded out!” said Nancy Clearwater, a faculty member at MSUM. “We will never worry about the games being canceled, because they can just fly over any water that may reach campus.” “The only downside I

consider about the new Quidditch program is that the faculty is not allowed to play,” said Demzela Underbridge, a history professor. “I’m going to spend the next few months gathering a protest for not allowing faculty intramural Quidditch teams.” Silly professors, Quidditch is for students — those who want to play it, anyways. Some students are not excited for the new addition to the campus. Alphard Ernie, a men’s

basketball player, believes the new program will steal the spotlight from all the other sports. “This is a pile of steaming dragon dung. That money should go into programs we already have, instead of starting something new.” “They want to tear down the beautiful trees we have, purely for a recreational activity. It’s not respectful to the natural wildlife,” said Daisy Blunt, a self-appointed spokesperson for the trees. “To paraphrase

The Lorax: I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues. I’m asking the officials at the top of my lungs — how dare you destroy our campus mall? Just ... bugger it all!” In spite of these small protests, the Quidditch program will start next fall semester. Tryouts will be held in August before school begins, further information can be found at www.msumquidditch.com, or contact Victor Crumpet at 218.477.2551.

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Instant fame sparks changes at MSUM



GERONIMO KRUCHKOV • The Advocat

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MSUM athletics, football especially, continues to draw thousands of fans in recent weeks. Due to this large increase in popularity, MSUM must expand Nemzek in order to seat 35,000 newly acquired fans. Practically off the radar from the years 1885-2011, Dragon athletic programs are in a state of shock from this instantaneous fame. Athletes are eating the attention up, but reports from Hendrix Health Center have also mentioned a rise in the number of counseling sessions. WDAY cameramen were seen following rugby players to classes, lunch and tea time, disallowing them a single moment of privacy. Just like a 24-hour livestream Kitty Cam or the Truman Show, MSUM athletes are filmed napping in class, buying energy drinks, perusing Facebook, making memes and partying on school nights. MSUM cheerleading squads no longer have to beg for spirited membership via DragonMail. Cheerleading has once again become the cool thing to do, and over 150 students have auditioned to get their cheer on and shine in front of the masses by showcasing wide grins and death-defying

stunts. In order to really create a wave, Britney Spears (who was out of work at the time) has been hired as the cheer squad’s choreographer. Go team! President Edna Szymanski is no longer embarrassed to use the MSUM Dragon as the university’s logo, so that copycat of an “M” will no longer be used, and MSUM will no longer be mistaken for the Minnesota Historical Society. This will cost the university another \$2.5 million (to buy back the logo from Dragon Athletics) in order to switch back the new logo to the old logo, but Szymanski pushes its value. The music department will continue to suffer, especially after eight more teachers are cut and funding wanes. This is probably wise as they can sing and dance during their free time, anyway (singing in the shower continues to have good acoustics). The money saved from previously “supporting the arts” will be used for greater purposes — sportier ones. Beginning in fall 2012, that financial support will go toward a few hot dog stands for the new and improved Nemzek Arena — a worthy cause, to be sure. ESPN will be filming most sporting events, particularly when football training begins.